

MANUAL
OF THE
ARCH-CONFRATERNITY
OF
THE HOLY FAMILY,
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

CANONICALLY ERECTED IN THE CHURCH OF THE
REDEMPTORIST FATHERS,
LIÈGE.



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HISTORICAL NOTICE

OF THE

ARCH-CONFRATERNITY OF THE HOLY FAMILY.

It was in the town of Liège, in Belgium, that this pious Association had its humble beginning. An officer of Engineers and a few devout workmen were the instruments which God chose for this design.

On Whit-Monday, 1844, they met together for the first time, in a room belonging to a poor carpenter. Their object was to join in prayer and pious reading and encourage each other in the practice of Christian virtue. God blessed the pious Association : their numbers rapidly increased ; the room soon became too small to contain them ;

when the Redemptorist Fathers offered the use of their Church for the weekly meetings. The Bishop of Liège, Mgr. Van Bommel, saw in the rising Association the fulfilment of a project he had long been meditating for the good of his flock. He therefore joyfully encouraged it, and watched over it with a care and affection which never diminished up to the day of his death in April, 1852.

Not content with approving its rules, by a decree of the 7th of April, 1845, he wished to procure for it the sanction of Papal authority. Moved by his prayer, and the recital of the happy fruits which the Association produced in Liège, where it numbered already nearly one thousand men, His Holiness, Pius IX., by two briefs, dated respectively the 20th and 23rd of April, 1847, approved the pious Association, enriched it with many indulgences, and raised it to the dignity

of an Arch-confraternity, with the power of affiliating to itself other Confraternities of the same name and object and communicating to them all its spiritual favors and indulgences.

As soon as the Apostolic briefs were published, a number of devout women, eager to profit by the permission granted by His Holiness, resolved to form a similar Association for persons of their own sex. They met with equal success, and in Liège alone this branch of the Holy Family numbers at the present moment about nine hundred members.

Under the protection of the zealous Bishop, the Holy Family rapidly spread from Liège to other towns of his Diocese, and it soon extended to other parts of Belgium, to Holland and France. In Ireland, England and America similar Confraternities have been erected for children, and have been so blessed by God, that in many

places they number several hundreds of members regularly attending the weekly meetings, while in some instances the number amounts to more than a thousand. The success of these first attempts has encouraged the Superiors of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer to publish this translation of the Rules and Exercises of the Confraternity, for the use of the Adults of both sexes. They have also caused a large medal of the Holy Family with an English inscription to be struck, for the use of the Confraternity. They now recommend this holy work to the zeal of the Clergy, and abandon the success of it into the hands of JESUS, MARY, and JOSEPH; in their name it was begun, and by their protection it must prosper.

The object of the Arch-confraternity is, with God's assistance, to elevate and sanctify the family, and

thereby to elevate and sanctify society. The devil and his agents have inoculated modern society with principles the most dangerous and infernal—principles which may in truth be called the gates of hell, since through them so many souls are led into eternal perdition.

Satan and his agents have, *first of all* attacked our Children. "The surest way," they say, "to destroy the Catholic Church is to take the children away from her influence and to bring them up in theory and practice godless infidels. We shall therefore establish public schools, to which all *must* resort, and from which the true knowledge of God and of His Holy Church, shall be forever banished." The next point of attack of Satan and his followers is the docility, modesty, and sobriety of our youths, and the purity and piety of our maidens.

"Let us," say they, "throw open

public libraries, and fill them with infidel, sentimental and immoral books. Let us publish daily and weekly papers, monthly magazines, and quarterlies, and so-called medical books, filled with infidel assertions and immoral incidents. Let us employ the artist, the photographer and painter, to multiply a thousandfold the occasions of sin.

“Let us throw open the theatre, with its immodest representations, the ball-room with its lascivious dances, the club-room and the gambling saloon ;

“Let us sow broadcast over the land the bar-room and the den of infamy ;

“Let us inspire Catholic youth with indifference and contempt for the priest of God, and soon they shall be ours.”

The next point of attack of the devil and his agents is the Holy Sac-

rament of Marriage. The initiated member of the "Secret Lodge" receives, if married, a pair of gloves "to present"—not to his wife, but "to the woman he honors the most," thus from the very outset teaching him to ignore the great sacrament of marriage.

What the devil teaches by means of secret societies, he accomplishes by means of Protestant or rather infidel governments, and infidel divorce courts. The words of Christ, "Whom God has joined let no man put asunder," are utterly ignored outside of the Catholic Church.

"Let us destroy the sanctity of marriage," say the agents of Satan ; "let us poison the fountain-head, and thereby we can destroy hearth and home, obedience and respect for authority ; we can destroy forever the life of the family—the foundation of society."

Among the powerful means that

God has raised up in modern times to counteract these terrible ravages of Satan and his followers, one is certainly the "Arch-confraternity of the Holy Family." The members of this Arch-confraternity learn to imitate their great models, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. They are enabled to do this by means of prayer, frequentation of the Sacraments, and solid and practical instructions.

Our Holy Father, Pope Pius IX., exhorts all Catholics to unite and form Unions and Confraternities. The members of the Holy Family obey this loving and fatherly advice. Let all, then, strive earnestly to become true members of the Holy Family while here on earth, in order that they may be members of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph forever in heaven.

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RULES

OF THE

ARCH-CONFRATERNITY OF THE HOLY FAMILY.

[These Rules or Statutes contain the fundamental elements of every Association affiliated to the Arch-confraternity. They should not be set aside without some real necessity ; yet they may, with the consent of the Bishop of the diocese, be modified and adapted to circumstances. It is enough if the Association adopts the same name and object. "*Ejusdem nominis et instituti.*" —Brief of Pius IX. 1847.]

I.

The end of the Arch-confraternity is to honor the Holy Family—Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, and to give to the faithful of every age, sex, and condition, powerful means of advancing securely in the way of salvation.

II

The means employed by the Association to attain the sublime and useful end it has in view, are: Prayer, the Preaching of the Word of God, and the frequentation of the Sacraments.

III.

The Arch-confraternity was originally placed under the patronage of the Right Reverend Bishop of Liège. The Associations which are affiliated to it are placed under the patronage of their own Ordinaries.

IV.

The Rector of the Community of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer at Liège is perpetual Director-General of the Arch-confraternity. The Rector of any community where an association is established is

by right the Director, but he may depute another father in his stead. In all other places where the Association is established, it is directed by the Parish Priest, or by any other Priest approved by the Ordinary.

V.

Each Association is divided into sections, composed of a certain number of members, *twenty-five at most, according to the locality*. Each section is placed under the protection of a Patron Saint.

VI.

At the head of each section is a Prefect, appointed by the Director. The Prefect has, by virtue of his office, certain duties of charity and responsibility to perform. To the Prefect should be added a Sub-Pre-

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fect, chosen from the same section ; his duty is to assist and to supply the place of the Prefect in case of absence.

OBSERVATION.

[In places where it may be expedient, the Director has the power to choose a person to assist him, with the title of Prefect-General, The Prefects of each section are subject to him. and he to the Director.]

VII.

Moreover the Director of the Association selects from among its members one or more Secretaries, and also other functionaries, according to the wants of the Association.

VIII.

Every Association of the Holy Family assembles once a week, on the day at the hour appointed by the Director. These meetings are devoted

to Prayer, hearing the Word of God, and singing devout Hymns.

IX.

Each section must occupy the place which has been assigned to it in the Church of the Association, and each member keep strictly to the number of the section to which he belongs.

OBSERVATION.

[The members must be fully persuaded that they are all children of the Association of the Holy Family, and therefore beloved brothers among whom the most cordial charity should reign. They must know that there is no distinction and no difference between the sections, or the numbers of the sections, in which they may be placed. For the last is as honorable as the first, and the first is no better than the last. This arrangement, to which each one must adhere with his whole heart, is a condition without which it would be impossible to maintain order in a large Association.—“*Statutes approved by the Bishop of Liege, by the Bishop of Mechlin, and the Bishop of Tournay.*”]

X.

The exercises of piety, which must never be omitted at the weekly meetings, are : the prayer, "Remember, O most pious Virgin Mary," the Litany of the Holy Family, a part of the Rosary, the Examination of conscience, the Spiritual Communion, and the Invocation of the Patron Saints of the Year, and of the different Sections. The meeting always concludes with Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament, or of the Crucifix.

XI.

No member can absent himself from the meetings without having given notice to the Prefect or Sub-Prefect of his section.

OBSERVATION.

[If there is a Prefect-General, each Prefect

shall report to him from time to time, the state of his section, and especially, shall acquaint him with the names of those who absent themselves without sufficient cause, or without the proper formalities. The Prefect-General shall inform the Director, who will apply such remedies as he thinks expedient. He shall also consult with the Director, at certain fixed periods, upon all matters which concern the welfare of the Association.

Where there is no Prefect-General, each Prefect, accompanied by his Sub-Prefect, shall, once a month, on the day appointed, give an account to the Director, of the section confided to his care. He must report to him the number of those who have been absent without sufficient reason, or without the proper formalities. It will then rest with the Director to decide whether the defaulters should be excluded from the Association. The Secretary shall also meet the Director once a week, on the day appointed by him.—“*Statutes approved by the Archbishop of Mechlin and the Bishop of Tournay.*”]

XII.

Four times a year, during the Ember weeks, all the Officers of the Association meet together at the hour

appointed, to unite in prayer, and to receive from the Director instructions for maintaining the fervor of the whole Association.

XIII.

Any person who is desirous of joining the Association of the Holy Family, must be presented by a member, or other responsible person, to the Director, who, having obtained information as to his moral character, his profession, and his place of abode, may admit him on trial.

OBSERVATION.

[The Director may delegate this charge to the Prefect-General, but without giving him the power of admission.—“*Statutes approved by the Bishop of Liege.*”]

XIV.

After a certain time, to be deter-

mined by the Director (according to the character of the candidate and to his punctuality in attending the meetings), he will make his solemn entry into the Association by the act of Consecration to Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, having first prepared himself for it by receiving the Sacraments. He will then receive a diploma (or letter of admission), to certify that he is a member of the Association.

OBSERVATION.

[No candidate is to be admitted until he has attained the age of fifteen at least, unless there be a separate division for children ; if there be such a division, whether for boys or girls, the usual condition required is, that they should have made their first communion. The members conform as much as possible to what is prescribed by these Statutes]

XV.

The obligations contracted by the members are altogether obligations of

love; in general, they must live like good Christians, each one according to his state of life; they must avoid bad company, dangerous places of amusement, and all that may lead them into sin.

XVI.

In addition to the duties common to all good Christians, they must first, every morning make an offering of the actions of the day to Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, and renew this offering from time to time during the day. Secondly, every evening they must make their examination of conscience followed by a spiritual communion.

XVII.

Whenever an associate falls sick, he shall send word to the Prefect, who shall inform the Director. The latter will recommend the sick person

to the prayers and charitable offices of the Association at the next meeting. If a member dies, the Association will have a Mass offered for him, during which the "Miserere" will be chanted, and the associates who may be present will be invited to make a Communion for the deceased.

OBSERVATION.

[The Prefect must inform the Prefect-General, if there be one, and the latter will inform the Director.

According to the tenor of the Statutes, the duties of the Prefects may be reduced to the following principal points.

1. To see that the members of his section are exact and punctual in their attendance, and to use a meek and prudent charity in inducing them to be so.

2. To see that the members of his section keep to the places assigned to them in the Church; for this purpose he must be there in good time, in order to place the chairs, and distribute the books, if necessary. If he is unable to attend, he must inform the Sub-Prefect, in order that he may act in his place.

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3. To keep an exact list of the members of his section, of their names, profession and place of residence ; as also of those who absent themselves without reason.

4. To visit the sick of his section.

5 To report to the Director, once a month, the state of the section confided to his charitable care, and particularly the cases of non-attendance.

6. In fine, his principal duty, and that of all who are charged with any office, is, not to make it an occasion for raising himself above his fellow-members, but to edify them by an exemplary life, and above all, by a greater fidelity to the Rules and Statutes of the Association.]

XVIII.

The Patron Saints of the year are assigned by lot, at the meeting which immediately precedes the 1st of January.

OBSERVATION.

[Each one should consider the Patron who falls to him in this way, as given to him by God himself ; he must honor him every day, morning and evening, by saying an *Our Father*

and Hail Mary. He must have recourse to him in his corporal and spiritual necessities, and above all, endeavor to practice the virtue pointed out for him, that he may render himself worthy of the Saint's protection.]

XIX.

The titular Feast of the Holy Family, which is also the Patron Feast of the Association, is fixed for the first Sunday in July. It is on this feast that takes place the general Communion, and solemn reception of the Associates by the act of consecration to Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

XX.

The other Feasts of the Association are :—

Whit-Monday, the anniversary of the foundation of the Association. On this day takes place the solemn renovation of Baptismal vows. *The*

Immaculate Conception—The Sunday which follows the 7th of April, on which day the Association was canonically established by the Bishop of Liège, in 1845. Christmas—the Epiphany—the Presentation of our Lord (the Purification, B. V. M., February 2nd.)—The Flight into Egypt (17th of February)—Easter Sunday—Ascension day—Corpus Christi—the Sacred Heart—the Holy Redeemer (3rd Sunday of July)—the Exaltation of the Holy Cross—the Nativity—the Assumption—the Feasts of our Lady of Seven Dolors (Friday after Passion Sunday, and third Sunday of September)—St. Joseph—the Patronage of St. Joseph (3rd Sunday after Easter)—St. Michael—St. Gabriel—the Holy Guardian Angels—S. S. Peter and Paul—St. Juliana of Cornillon—All Saints—All Souls. In fine, the feast day of the annual Patron of each

member will be for him a Special Feast, as will be the *Protector of the Section*, for all the section.

Each member will also celebrate with devotion the month of May.

XXI.

When any of the above mentioned feasts falls on a working day, the Associates may gain the plenary indulgence on the following Sunday, under the ordinary conditions.

XXII.

Every Associate whose conduct instead of being edifying is reprehensible, and who, after having been several times warned, will not amend, shall be excluded from the Association.



APPROBATION

OF

THE BISHOP OF LIÈGE.

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Having examined the foregoing Statutes of the Association of the Holy Family, established in the Church of the Redemptorist Fathers at Liège, we have thought proper to approve them, as we do approve them by these presents; and we express our desire that all associates, of either sex, conform themselves to them exactly, each one in that which concerns him.

† CORNELIUS, *Bishop of Liège.*

LIEGE, July 29, 1850.

Similar approbations were granted by the Cardinal Archbishop of Mechlin, and the Bishop of Tournay.

EXERCISES

PRACTISED IN THE ARCH-CONFRATERNITY.

I.

FOR THE WEEKLY MEETINGS. *

(Art. viii.)

1. *The Beads*, at least in part.

2. *A hymn*, with the following versicle and prayers to the Patron Saints of the year and of the Sections.

* The day and hour of the weekly meetings may vary. The Director, according to his discretion, chooses the day and hour which is most convenient and most advantageous to the Association. In large towns it is generally Monday evening. In country places for the most part it is Sunday afternoon.

V. Orate pro nobis, sancti Patroni Congregationis nostræ.

R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.

V. Pray for us, O Holy Patrons of our Association.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

OREMUS.

LET US PRAY.

Deus, qui nobis per singulos annos aliquos e cœlitibus Patronos assignas; concede propitius, ut intercessione Beatorum, quos patronos hoc anno de tua benignitate suscepimus, nos, et omnes parentes, amici et inimici, præsentis

O God! who dost assign to us each year some of the heavenly citizens for our Patrons, grant, we beseech Thee, through the intercession of those whom this year we have received as Patrons, that we, and all our relations, friends,

gratiæ auxilium
sentiamus, et ejus-
dem gratiæ mu-
niti auxilio, virtu-
tem, quam suis
nos docuerunt ex-
emplis, valeamus
exercere.

Omnes Sancti
tui, quæsumus,
Domine, nos ubi-
que adjuvent, ut,
dum eorum meri-
ta recolimus, pa-
trocinia sentia-
mus. Per Chris-
tum Dominum
nostrum. Amen.

and enemies, may
presently experi-
ence the assist-
ance of Thy grace;
so that by the
help of this same
grace we may be
enabled to prac-
tice those virtues
which they have
taught us by their
example.

May all Thy
Saints, O Lord,
we beseech Thee,
help us in every
place, that while
we celebrate their
merits we may
experience their
protection.

Through Christ
our Lord. Amen.

3. *The Litany of the Holy Family.*

Lord have mercy on us.

R. Lord have mercy on us.

Christ have mercy on us.

R. Christ have mercy on us.

Lord have mercy on us.

R. Lord have mercy on us.

Christ hear us.

R. Christ hear us.

Christ graciously hear us.

R. Christ graciously hear us.

God the Father, of Heaven,
God the Son, Redeemer of the
World,

God the Holy Ghost,
Holy Trinity one God,

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, worthy
objects of our reverence and
love,

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, by the
voice of all ages called the
Holy Family,

*Have mercy on us.
Have pity on us.*

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, names
 forever blessed, of the Father,
 the Mother, and the Child,
 who compose the Holy Fa-
 mily,
 Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, image
 on earth of the august Trinity,
 Holy Family, tried by the great-
 est contradictions,
 Holy Family, afflicted in your
 journey to Bethlehem,
 Holy Family, rejected by all, and
 obliged to take refuge in a
 stable,
 Holy Family, saluted by the Con-
 certs of the Angels,
 Holy Family, visited by the poor
 Shepherds,
 Holy Family, venerated by the
 Wise Men,
 Holy Family, persecuted and ex-
 iled in a strange country,
 Holy Family, hidden and un-
 known at Nazareth,

Have pity on us.

Holy Family, model of Christian families,
 Holy Family, living in peace and charity,
 Holy Family, whose Head is a model of paternal vigilance,
 Holy Family, whose Spouse is a model of maternal care,
 Holy Family, whose Child is a model of obedience and filial piety,
 Holy Family, who led a poor laborious, and penitent life,
 Holy Family, poor in the goods of the world, but rich in the goods of Heaven,
 Holy Family, despised by the world, but great before God,
 Holy Family, our support in life, our hope in death,
 Holy Family, patrons and protectors of our Confraternity,
 Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,

Have pity on us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the
sins of the world,

R. Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the
sins of the world,

R. Hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the
sins of the world,

R. Have mercy on us.

Christ hear us,

Christ graciously hear us.

LET US PRAY.

O God of goodness and mercy, who
hast been pleased to call us to this
Confraternity of the Holy Family,
grant that we may always honor and
imitate Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, so
that pleasing them on earth, we may
enjoy their presence in Heaven.
Through the same Jesus Christ, our
Lord. Amen.

MEMORARE to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Remember, O, most merciful Virgin Mary ! that no one ever had recourse to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy mediation, without obtaining relief. Confiding, therefore, in thy goodness and mercy, I cast myself at thy sacred feet, and do most humbly supplicate thee, O, Mother of the Eternal Word ! to adopt me as thy child and to take upon thyself the care of my salvation. O ! let it not be said, my dearest Mother, that I have perished, where no one ever found but grace and salvation.

Amen.

Remember, O most pious Virgin Mary, that it has never been heard of in any age, that any one having recourse to thy protection, imploring thy aid, and seeking thy intercession, was abandoned by thee : I, therefore,

animated with this confidence, O Virgin of Virgins, my Mother Mary, come to thee, and groaning under the weight of my miseries, cast myself at thy sacred feet. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my prayer, but graciously hear and grant my petition.

MEMORARE to St. Joseph.

Remember, O most amiable, most benevolent, most kind, and most merciful father St. Joseph, that the great Saint Teresa assures us, that she never had recourse to your protection without obtaining relief. Animated with the same confidence, O dear St. Joseph, I come to you, and groaning under the heavy burden of my many sins, I prostrate myself at your feet. O most compassionate father,

do not, I beseech you, reject my poor and miserable prayers, but graciously hear and grant my petition. Amen.

Most glorious Saint Joseph, Virgin Spouse of the Immaculate Mother of God, my loving Patron, remember that it has never been known, that any one invoked thy help or solicited thy patronage without obtaining relief. Encouraged by this assurance, I commend my soul and body, my temporal and eternal interests to thy protection.

Oh! Thou, the adopted Father of the Eternal Son, despise not this appeal, but listen to my prayer and plead for my necessities. Amen.

4. *One Hail Mary, to obtain grace to profit by the Conference.*

5. *The notices and recommenda-*

tions, followed, if necessary, by some prayers for the absent, the sick, and the deceased members.

6. The Conference or Instruction.

(The subjects of these Conferences are,—Religion, considered in its history, its doctrines, its moral teaching, and its worship ; the life and virtues of our Saviour ; the lives and examples of the B. V. Mary and the Saints, &c.)

7. The Examination of Conscience.

Let us examine our consciences, that we may see the faults we have committed this day, and let us ask pardon for them from God with our whole heart.

8. The Spiritual Communion.

Come, Lord Jesus, I love Thee, I

desire Thee ; come into my heart ; I attach myself, I unite myself to Thee. Let me never more be separated from Thee. (*St. Alphonsus.*)

9. *Invocation of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, to be said aloud by all together.*

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, assist me in my last agony,

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, may I breathe out my soul in peace with you.

(*Indulgence of 300 days applicable to the souls in purgatory.—Pius VII. 1807.*)

10. *Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament.*

O SALUTARIS,

O salutaris Hostia !
Quæ cœli pandis ostium !
Bella premunt hostilia ;
Da robur, fer auxilium.

Uni trinoque Domino,
Sit sempiterna gloria ;
Qui vitam sine termino,
Nobis donet in patria. Amen.

Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui :
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui ;
Præstet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.

Genitori, genitoque
Laus et jubilatio ;
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio :
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

V. Panem de cœlo præstitisti eis.
(Alleluia.)

R. Omne delectamentum in se habentem. (Alleluia.)

OREMUS.

Deus, qui nobis sub Sacramento mirabili Passionis tuæ memoriam reliquisti; tribue, quæsumus, ita nos Corporis et Sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari, ut redemptionis tuæ fructum in nobis jugiter sentiamus.

Defende, quæsumus, Domine, Beata Maria semper Virgine intercedente, istam ab omni adversitate familiam, et toto corde tibi prostratam, ab hostium propitius tuere clementer insidiis. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

Divinum auxilium maneat semper nobiscum. Amen.

11. *The "Angelus".*

12. *A hymn.*

If there cannot be Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, a few verses of a hymn may be sung, after which the Director gives the Benediction with the Crucifix, while he chants, as follows :—

Benedictio Dei
omnipotentis, Pa-
tris, et Filii, et
Spiritus sancti,
descendat super
vos et maneat
semper.

R. Amen.

May the bless-
ing of Almighty
God, Father, Son,
and Holy Ghost,
descend upon and
remain with you
always.

R. Amen.

II.

FOR THE MEETINGS OF THE
PREFECTS.

(Art. xii.)

These meetings shall take place during the Ember weeks, and, if possible, in the Church.

ORDER OF THE CEREMONIES.

1. *Three Hail Marys.*
2. *Conference and advice given by the Director.*
3. *A decade of the Rosary for some object determined by the Director.*

III.

FOR THE SOLEMN CONSECRATION OF THE MEMBERS.

(Art. xiv.)

This generally takes place twice in the year : in July and in December.

ORDER OF THE CEREMONIES.

1. *A Hymn.*
2. *A short Instruction.*
3. *The Veni Creator.*

(Whilst this Hymn is being sung the Associates who are about to consecrate themselves should enter and arrange themselves in the Sanctuary,

if the place admits of it. In Associations of Women they remain at the rails.)

4. *The Act of Consecration, which the Director pronounces word by word and the Associates repeat after him. The lines (—) indicate the pauses.*

ACT OF CONSECRATION.

O Jesus, Mary, Joseph ! (*here each one pronounces his own name in a low tone*), in the presence of all the court of heaven—choose you—on this day—for my patrons and protectors—I offer you—and solemnly consecrate to you—in this Association—*mybody, —my soul,—all that I have,—and all that I am ;—*I promise you—to live as a good Christian—that I may die—the death of the elect.—What a happiness for me—to pass one day—from the arms of Jesus, Mary, and

Joseph,—in this world—into the arms of the Father—the Son—and the Holy Ghost in Heaven—and that for all eternity :—such is my hope.—Amen.

5. Formula of Reception pronounced by the Director.

FORMULA.

Et ego, in Nomine Sanctissimæ Trinitatis et ex facultate mihi concessa, vos omnes adscribo Sodalitati Sanctæ Familiæ Jesu, Mariæ, Joseph, in hac nostra Ecclesia canonice erectæ, vosque participes declaro omnium gratia-

FORMULA.

And I, in the name of the most Holy Trinity, and by the faculties granted to me, admit you all into the Confraternity of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, Joseph, canonically erected in this our Church, and I admit you to

rum et Indulgentiarum quæ Archisodalitati ejusdem Sanctæ Familiæ Leodii, in Ecclesia B. M. V. Immaculatæ a Sancta sede Apostolica similiter erectæ, a Summo Pontifice Pio Papa IX, concessæ sunt: Deum ac Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum enixe deprecans, ut vos in Sancto Dei servitio confortare, in pace mutuaque charitate conservare, et perseverantiam in fide operibusque bonis the participation of all the favors and indulgences granted by the Sovereign Pontiff Pius IX. to the Arch-confraternity of the same Holy Family, established in like manner by the authority of the Apostolic See, in the Church of the Immaculate Virgin Mary, at Liège; earnestly beseeching our Lord and God Jesus Christ, that he may deign to strengthen you in God's holy service, preserve you

concedere dignetur.	in peace and mutual charity, and grant you the grace of perseverance in faith and good works.
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He then sprinkles the Associates with holy water, saying,—

In nomine Patris † et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti. Amen.	In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.
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6. *Blessing of the Medals.*

Each Associate holds his Medal in his hand.

V. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.	V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.
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R. Qui fecit
cœlum et terram.

V. Dominus vo-
biscum.

R. Et cum spi-
ritu tuo.

R. Who made
heaven and earth.

V. The Lord be
with you.

R. And with
thy spirit.

OREMUS.

LET US PRAY.

Omnipotens sem-
piterne Deus, qui
Sanctorum imagi-
nes sculpi aut
pingi non repro-
bas, ut, quoties
illas oculis corpo-
ris intuemur, to-
ties eorum actus
et sanctitatem ad
imitandum, me-
moriæ oculis me-
ditemur; has quæ-
sumus imagines
in honorem et me-

O Almighty and
eternal God, who
dost not forbid the
images of Thy
Saints to be en-
graven or painted,
that often as we
behold them with
the eyes of our
bodies, we may re-
call to the eyes of
our memory, their
actions and their
sanctity; deign,
we beseech Thee,

moriam unigeniti
 Filii tui Domini
 nostri Jesu Christi
 Beatissimæ Virgi-
 nis Mariæ et Bea-
 ti Josephi adapta-
 tas, benedicere †
 et sanctificare †
 digneris, et præ-
 sta : ut quicumque
 coram illis unigen-
 itum Filium tuum,
 Beatissimam Vir-
 ginem, et glorio-
 sum Josephum
 suppliciter colere,
 et honorare studu-
 erit, illorum meri-
 tis et obtentu, a
 te gratiam in præ-
 senti, et æternam
 gloriam obtineat
 in futuro. Per
 eundem Chris-

to bless and sanc-
 tify these medals,
 dedicated to the
 memory and hon-
 or of Thine only
 begotten Son, Je-
 sus Christ, our
 Lord, of the bless-
 ed Virgin Mary,
 and of St. Joseph,
 and grant, that
 whoever shall en-
 deavor humbly to
 worship and hon-
 or before them
 thine only begot-
 ten Son, the bless-
 ed Virgin Mary,
 and the glorious
 Patriarch St. Jo-
 seph, may, by
 their merits and
 intercession, ob-
 tain from Thee,

tum	Dominum	grace in this life,
nostrum.	Amen.	and eternal glo-
		ry in the next.
		Through the same
		Christ our Lord.
		Amen.

The Director sprinkles the Medals with holy water, and whilst the Members are fastening them round their necks, he says,—

Accipite, Fra-	Brothers, (or
tres, (Sorores,)	Sisters,) receive
hæc numismata	these blessed
benedicta, singu-	Medals, the pecu-
lariorum signa Sodali-	liar marks of the
tatis Sacræ Fami-	Confraternity of
liæ Jesu, Mariæ,	the Holy Family
Joseph, ut ita in-	of Jesus, Mary,
duti, sub eorum	and Joseph, that
patrocinio perpe-	by wearing them,
tuo vivatis.	you may always
	live under their
	protection.

<p>Benedictio Dei omnipotentis, Pa- tris † et Filii et Spiritus Sancti, descendat super vos et maneat semper.</p>	<p>May the bless- ing of Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Ghost, descend upon you now, and remain with you for ever.</p>
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R. Amen.

R. Amen.

7. *The Magnificat is sung while the letters of admission are being distributed at the gate of the Sanctuary.*

8. *The Director addresses some words of congratulation and encouragement to the Members who have made their consecration.*

9. *Benediction of the most Holy Sacrament.*

10. *A Hymn.*

IV.

FOR THE GENERAL COMMUNION.

(Art. xix.)

This General Communion takes place usually twice a year.

ORDER OF THE CEREMONIES.

1. *A Hymn.*

2. *After the Gospel, Acts before Communion made aloud by the Director.*

3. *The time for Communion having arrived the Associates, wearing their Medals, go up to receive the Holy Eucharist. (To avoid confusion, they may be led, up to the Altar rails by*

the Epistle side, and back to their places by the Gospel side.)

4. *During the time that Holy Communion is being administered, the Magnificat, or some appropriate Hymn may be sung in Latin.*

5. *After the Communion, Acts of Thanksgiving made aloud by the Director.*

6. *Benediction of the most Holy Sacrament, followed by an English Hymn.*

V.

THE RETREAT AND RENEWAL OF
BAPTISMAL VOWS.

The Retreat takes place ordinarily once in the year, and lasts four or five days ; each day there are two exercises.

ORDER OF THE MORNING EXERCISES.

1. *Mass.*
2. *Instruction for half an hour.*

ORDER OF THE EVENING EXERCISES.

1. *Beads.*
2. *A Hymn, or the "Veni Creator"*
3. *Sermon.*

4. "Miserere."

5. *Benediction.*

MISERERE MEI.

Miserere—mei—Deus,* secundum
magnam—misericordiam tuam. (1)

Et secundum — multitudinem —
miserationum tuarum,* dele—iniqui-
tatem meam.

Amplius lava me — ab iniquitate
meâ,* et à peccato—meo munda me.

Quoniam — iniquitatem meam —
ego cognosco,* et peccatum meum—
contra me est semper.

Tibi soli peccavi—et malum coram
te feci ; * ut justificeris — in sermo-

(1) The following verses are sung by one or two voices, the rest of the members repeating "Miserere mei," &c., after each verse. This Psalm, "Have mercy on me, O God," may be found in all Prayer-books, among the Seven Penitential Psalms.

nibus tuis,—et vincas cum judicaris.

Ecce enim — in iniquitatibus — conceptus sum, * et in peccatis—concepit me mater mea.

Ecce enim—veritatem dilexisti ; * incerta—et occulta — sapientiæ tuæ —manifestasti mihi.

Asperges me hyssopo—et munda-
bor ; * lavabis me,—et super nivem dealbabor.

Auditui meo — dabis gaudium—
et lætitiā ; * et exultabunt—ossa humiliata.

Averte—faciem tuam—à peccatis meis ; * et omnes—iniquitates meas dele.

Cor mundum crea—in me, Deus ; * et spiritum rectum — innova — in visceribus meis.

Ne projicias me — a facie tua ; * et Spiritum sanctum tuum—ne au-
feras a me.

Redde mihi — lætitiā — salutaris

tui ; * et spiritu—principali confirma me.

Docebo iniquos — vias tuas, * et impii—ad te convertentur.

Libera me — de sanguinibus — Deus,—Deus salutis meæ ; * et exaltabit lingua mea—justitiam tuam.

Domine—labia mea aperies, * et os meum—annuntiabit laudem tuam.

Quoniam—si voluisses sacrificium —dedissem utique ; * holocaustis non delectaberis.

Sacrificium Deo — spiritus contritus ; * cor contritum—et humiliatum—Deus, non despicies.

Benigne fac,—Domine,—in bona voluntate—tua Sion ; * ut ædificentur—muri Jerusalem.

Tunc acceptabis—sacrificium justitiæ — oblationes et holocausta ; * tunc imponent—super altare tuum vitulos.

Gloria Patri,—et Filio, * et Spiritui Sancto ; Sicut erat in principio,—

et nunc et semper, * et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

Pater noster, &c.

V. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem.

R. Sed libera nos a malo.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

OREMUS.

Deus qui culpa offenderis, pœnitentia placaris, preces populi tui supplicantis propitius respice; et flagella tuæ iracundiæ, quæ pro peccatis nostris meruemur, averte. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. R. Amen.

Divinum auxilium maneat semper nobiscum. R. Amen.

6. *Benediction of the most Holy Sacrament,*

(Towards the end of the Retreat, or at some other appointed time in the year, they will make the renewal of their Baptismal vows.)

ORDER OF THE CEREMONIES.

1. *Beads.*

2. *A Hymn.*

3. *Sermon on the renewal of the Baptismal vows, and then, if desirable, the members will repeat the following Act:—*

Humbly prostrate before Thee—
O my God—and before the most
Holy Family — JESUS, MARY, and
JOSEPH, — acknowledging the inesti-
mable benefit — which Thou hast
deigned to grant me,—of belonging
to the Catholic Church,—whose child
I became — in Holy Baptism ;—

thereby acquiring a right—to the graces,—which Jesus Christ has left for us—in the Holy Sacraments,—the happiness of being admitted—among the number of Thy children,—and the hope of being one day—with Thee in Paradise ; — I come to renew—and to confirm the promises—made at my Baptism : — Yes, O my God, — I wish to be entirely Thine,—to serve Thee all my life,—and to strive always for that end—for which Thou hast created me : —and therefore,—I renounce the Devil—and all his works,—I renounce sin,—and all the occasions of sin ; — I renounce the world,—its maxims,—and its vanities ; — I renounce the flesh,—its sensual pleasures,—the inordinate desires of nature,—and all that may displease Thee ; — I renounce human respect,—which so long kept me—at a distance from Thee.—Formerly

I feared the world,—and the ridicule of the world,—though I should have had but one fear,—the fear of neglecting—my duties as a Christian ;—I now resolve to accomplish them faithfully ;—I resolve to live — according to the precepts—and maxims of Jesus Christ,—I resolve to live as a good Christian.

O JESUS, MARY, JOSEPH, — make me more and more worthy—of the noble name of Christian ; may I become,—by the aid of your powerful protection, — a respectful child of God, — obedient to the Church — and faithful to my duties,—so that one day,—I may have the happiness —of thanking you, — and glorifying you,—in that heavenly country, — where God rewards those—who have served Him faithfully to the end. Amen.

4. *The Te Deum.*

5. *Benediction.*

6. *A Hymn.*



VI.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE HOLY PATRONS FOR THE YEAR.

(Art. xviii.)

This solemnity takes place at the meeting immediately preceding New Year's Day.

Previous to the meeting, as many tickets bearing the names of Patron Saints as there are members of the Association, are placed in a vase. If the Association be very numerous the tickets may be numbered, and arranged in as many packets as there are sections ; each packet containing as many tickets as there are members in the section.

ORDER OF THE CEREMONIES.

1. *The usual exercises before the Conference.*

2. *Address on the excellence of the devotion to the Patron Saints.*

3. *The Magnificat is sung, during which the Associates proceed one after another to the table on which the vase is placed, which should be either in or near the Sanctuary; each member then draws a ticket, which he must show to the Secretary, that he may make a note of it. They must enter by the Gospel side, and return by the Epistle side. If the Association is very numerous, the Prefects only go to draw a packet of tickets; they then, having returned to their places, distribute them, and note down immediately the number which has fallen to each one, in order to transmit the list to the Director.*

4. *A Hymn.*

5. *Benediction.*

VII.

MASSES TO BE CELEBRATED FOR DECEASED MEMBERS.

1. *The Psalm, Miserere, chanted alternately by the Associates and the Choir, the Associates repeating every time the first verse of the Psalm. (See page 55.)*

2. *Before the Consecration, five Our Fathers and five Hail Marys should be recited aloud, in order to gain the plenary indulgence applicable to the souls of the faithful departed.*

3. *After the Consecration the rest of the Miserere is sung; and instead of Gloria Patri, the following is sung: Requiem æternam dona ei Domine;* Et lux perpetua luceat ei.*

Pater noster, etc.	Our Father, etc.
V. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem.	V. And lead us not into temptation.
R. Sed libera nos a malo.	R. But deliver us from evil. Amen.
V. A porta inferi,	V. From the gates of hell,
R. Erue, Domine, animam ejus.	R. Deliver his soul, O Lord !
V. Requiescat in pace.	V. May he rest in peace.
R. Amen.	R. Amen.
V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam,	V. O Lord, hear my prayer,
R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.	R. And let my cry come unto Thee.
V. Dominus vobiscum.	V. The Lord be with you.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.	R. And with thy spirit.

OREMUS.

LET US PRAY.

Absolve, quæsumus, Domine, animam famuli tui N., ut defunctus sæculo tibi vivat ; et quæ per fragilitatem carnis, humana conversatione commisit, tu, veniâ misericordissimæ pietatis absterge.

Deus, veniæ largitor, et humanæ salutis amator, quæsumus clementiam tuam,

Absolve, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant N., that having departed from this life he may live to Thee ; and whatever faults he may have committed through human frailty, do Thou in Thy merciful goodness forgive.

O God, the giver of pardon and lover of human salvation, we beseech Thy clem-

ut nostræ Congregationis fratres, propinquos et benefactores, qui ex hoc sæculo transierunt, beata Maria semper Virgine intercedente cum omnibus Sanctis tuis, ad perpetuæ beatitudinis consortium pervenire concedas.

Fidelium Deus omnium conditor et Redemptor, animabus famulorum famularumque tuarum remissionem cunctorum tribue peccatorum, ut indul-

ency by the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the Saints, that Thou mayest grant to all the brethren, relatives, and benefactors of our Congregation, who have departed this life, to come to the fellowship of eternal happiness.

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant, we beseech Thee, to the souls of Thy servants departed the remission of all their sins, that

gentiam quam
semper optave-
runt piis suppli-
cationibus conse-
quantur. Qui vivis
et regnas in sæ-
cula sæculorum.

R. Amen.

V. Requiem æter-
nam dona eis,
Domine.

R. Et lux perpe-
tua luceat eis.

V. Requiescant
in pace.

R. Amen.

by pious suppli-
cations they may
obtain the pardon
which they have
always desired.
Who livest and
reignest for ever
and ever. Amen.

V. Eternal rest
give to them, O
Lord.

R. And let per-
petual light
shine upon
them.

V. May they rest
in peace.

R. Amen.

VIII.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS.

1. *The usual exercises.*

2. *Preparatory Discourse on the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

3. *The Way of the Cross ; after which, five Our Fathers, five Hail Marys, and five Glory be to the Fathers, in order to gain other indulgences.*

4. *Benediction and Hymn.*

IX.

TO INAUGURATE AN AFFILIATION.

1. *A Hymn.*
2. *A Discourse on the Holy Family.*
3. *Reading aloud in English of the Letter of Affiliation.*
4. *If all or some of the members are to make their Act of Consecration, the Ceremony proceeds as in the exercise for a Solemn Consecration. (See page 42.)*
If there be no Consecration, the Exercise will conclude with Benediction, during which the Te Deum should be sung if possible. The whole will finish with a Hymn to the Holy Family.

The conditions for obtaining the Affiliation of a Confraternity of the Holy Family to the Parent Arch-confraternity are,—

1. The Confraternity must be erected with the consent of the Ordinary, and according to the formalities required by the Constitution of Pope Clement VIII.

2. A formal request of Affiliation must be made to the Director-General of the Arch-confraternity. (*Chez les Rév. Pères Rédemptoristes, à Liège, Belgique.*) This being done, the Director-General will send a letter of Affiliation, by which the Confraternity obtains a right to gain all the Indulgences granted to the Arch-confraternity of the Holy Family.

PRAYER

IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP.

Behold at Thy feet, O Mother of Perpetual Succor, a miserable sinner, who has recourse to Thee, and confides in Thee. O Mother of Mercy, have pity on me. I hear Thee called by all the refuge and the hope of sinners ; be then my refuge and my hope. Assist me for the love of Jesus Christ, stretch forth Thy hand to a miserable wretch, who has fallen and recommends himself to Thee, and who consecrates himself to be Thy servant for ever. I bless and thank Almighty God, who by His mercy has given me this confidence in Thee, which I hold to be a pledge of my eternal salvation. It is true that in past times I have miserably fallen into sin, because I had no recourse to Thee ; I know, that with Thy help, I will be able to conquer. I know too,

that Thou wilt assist me if I recommend myself to Thee ; but I fear, that in the time of danger I may neglect to call on Thee and thus lose my soul. The grace, therefore, which I ask of Thee, and for which I beg with all the fervor of my soul, is, that in all the attacks of hell I may ever have recourse to Thee, and say to Thee, O Mary, help me ; O Mother of Perpetual Succor, never permit me to lose my God.

Three Hail Marys.

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

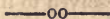
R. That we may be worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY.

O Almighty and merciful God, who in order to succor the human race,

hast willed the Blessed Virgin Mary to become the Mother of thy only begotten Son, grant, we beseech Thee, that by her intercession we may avoid the contagion of sin, and serve Thee with a pure heart, through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

An Indulgence of one hundred days, to be gained once a day, is granted for the aforesaid prayer.—
(Rescript of May 17, 1866.)



RENEWAL OF THE PROMISES

OF AN ASSOCIATE OF THE HOLY FAMILY.

Humbly prostrate before Thee, O, my God ! and before the most Holy Family, Jesus, Mary, Joseph, penetrated with gratitude for the great favor bestowed upon me, of being a member of the Arch-confraternity of the Holy Family

wherein I find the road which conducts to Thee ; and the means of living a Christian life ; I cast myself before Thee now, to renew and ratify the promises which I made at my consecration. Yes, O, my God ! *I consecrate to Thee, anew, my body, my soul, all that I have and am, I promise to live a good Christian.*

I renounce sin and its occasions ; I renounce the world, and its maxims and vanities ; I renounce human respect, which for so long separated me from Thee. Formerly, I feared the world and its ridicule, but now I have only one fear, that of offending God. I desire now and always to accomplish faithfully my Christian duties ; I am resolved to live according to the precepts and maxims of Jesus Christ ; yes, *I desire to live as a good Christian, that I may die the death of the elect.* I promise to remain faithful to my obligations of an associate of the Holy Family, and hope to persevere until death ; and at that moment, *what happiness it will be for me to pass from the arms of Jesus, Mary, Joseph, on earth, to the arms of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, in heaven, for all eternity ; this is my hope.* Amen.—40 days' indulgence.

APOSTOLIC BRIEF,

BY WHICH NUMEROUS INDULGENCES ARE
GRANTED TO THE ASSOCIATION.

PIUS IX. POPE.

FOR A PERPETUAL REMEMBRANCE.

LEARNING that there exists in the Church of Our Lady of Immaculate Conception at Liège, a pious Confraternity or Association of the faithful of both sexes, canonically established, under the title of the HOLY FAMILY, the members of which zealously apply themselves to works of piety and charity, and they having prayed Us to enrich their Association from the treasury of indulgences, it hath seemed good to Us to listen

favorably in the Lord, to their pious desires.

Committing Ourselves to the mercy of Almighty God, and sustained by the authority of the blessed Apostles, Peter and Paul, We cheerfully grant in the name of our Lord, to all the faithful of both sexes, who are members of the aforesaid Association, a *plenary Indulgence* on the day of their admission, if, having made a sincere confession of their sins, they receive the most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. In like manner to all fellow-members of either sex, already received, or who may in future be received into the Association, a *plenary Indulgence* at the article of death, if truly contrite they confess and receive Holy Communion, or not being able to do so, are truly penitent, and devoutly invoke the name of Jesus with their lips, if possible, or at least in their hearts. We also

graciously impart in the name of our Lord, to all the present and future members of both sexes, of the aforesaid Association, a *plenary Indulgence* and remission of all their sins on each of the feasts mentioned in articles 19, 20, and 21, of the Statutes of the Association, provided they, being truly contrite and having confessed and communed, visit on those days, from the first vespers until sunset, the church, chapel, or oratory of said Association, and there pray devoutly for concord among Christian princes, the extirpation of heresy, and the exaltation of our Holy Mother the Church. We also grant to the male and female members of the aforesaid Association, present and future, *one hundred days* indulgence—in the accustomed form of the Church, every time they assist, with a contrite heart, at the pious meetings of the Association, or perform

any good work recommended by it. We further grant, in the name of our Lord, that each and every one of these Indulgences, remissions of sins and sufferings, may be *applied to the souls of the dead*, by way of suffrage, who have departed this life in union with God, anything else to the contrary notwithstanding. We declare, moreover, that if in the past any of the same favors have been granted to the said members, in perpetuity or for a length of time not yet elapsed, they are hereby revoked by our Apostolic Authority, as We now revoke them by these present Letters—so that, if the said Association be already affiliated to any Arch-confraternity, or if it were designed so to affiliate it, or if for any reason it be united or established under any form whatsoever, the first and all other apostolic letters are useless, and henceforth null and void.

Given at Rome, near St. Mary-
Major's, under the Fisherman's Ring,
20th April, 1847, the first year of
Our Pontificate.

C. † S. For his Eminence.

CARD. LAMBRUSCHINI.

A. PICCHIONI, *Substitute.*

We approve this translation.

H. NEVEN, *Vic. Gen.*

LIÈGE, 8 JULY, 1847.

APOSTOLIC BRIEF.

IN VIRTUE OF WHICH THE ASSOCIATION
IS RAISED TO THE DIGNITY OF AN
ARCH-CONFRATERNITY.

Pius IX. POPE.

FOR A PERPETUAL REMEMBRANCE.

Pious Associations of the faithful which have for their object the fulfilment of the duties of religion and the salvation of our neighbor, merit Our favor and the special testimony of Our Pontifical good-will. Wherefore, as the members of an Association established under the title of the HOLY FAMILY in the church of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception at Liège, in Belgium, and

which has for its aim the salvation of souls, principally of poor laborers, have humbly prayed Us to raise the said Association to the title and privileges of an Arch-confraternity; having regard to the spiritual fruit produced by it, abundant fruit, as We are assured by testimony of great weight * it hath seemed good to Us to accede to the prayers and supplications of these same members. Wherefore, desiring to bestow a special proof of Our good-will upon those, in favor of whom We deliver these present Letters, with this view absolving them entirely from all excommunication and interdict, and from all other ecclesiastical censures, decrees, and penalties, whatsoever,

* That of Mgr. Van Bommel, Bishop of Liège, who died 7th of April, 1852, and was succeeded by Mgr. Theodore de Montpelier preconised at Rome the following 27th September.

and howsoever merited, which they may have incurred by Our Apostolic Authority, We now by these presents raise the said Association established at Liège, under the title of the HOLY FAMILY, to the dignity of an Arch-confraternity, and We grant and bestow upon each and every member the rights and privileges made use of and enjoyed by all the Arch-confraternities, or which they may make use of and enjoy in future. Wherefore, We grant it the power of affiliating other Associations of the same name, instituted for the same end, outside the above mentioned city, and conformably to that which is prescribed in the constitution on this point, given by Our Predecessor, Clement VIII., of pious memory, and of communicating to the said Associations all the privileges and indulgences enjoyed by the Arch-confraternity established by Us; and We

cheerfully grant them, notwithstanding all constitutions and ordinances, general and particular, of universal or provincial councils, of synods, or anything to the contrary whatsoever.

Given at Rome, near St. Mary Major's, under the Fisherman's Ring, 23d April, 1847, the first year of Our Pontificate.

L. † S. For his Eminence.

CARD. LAMBRUSCHINI.

A. PICCHIONI, *Substitute*.

We approve this translation.

H. NEVEN, *Vic. Gen.*

LIÈGE, JULY 8, 1847,

Indulgences granted them notwithstanding all contritions and satisfactions, general or provincial, or of any kind, or anything, unless it be expressly stated otherwise.

INDULGENCES
GRANTED BY
HIS HOLINESS PIUS THE NINTH
TO THE
ARCH-CONFRATERNITY OF THE HOLY FAMILY,
AS ALSO TO ALL THE ASSOCIATIONS, OF EITHER
SEX, WHICH ARE AFFILIATED TO IT.

Plenary Indulgences.

1. May be gained on the day on which the Associates make *their act of consecration*, and become Members of the Association; provided that, being truly contrite, and having confessed their sins, they receive Holy Communion. (RULES, Art. xiv.)

2. *At the hour of death* ; if, being at least contrite, they invoke from the heart, being unable to do so with the lips, the Holy Name of Jesus.

3. *On the Feast-day of the Holy Family*, which is appointed for the first Sunday in July. (Art. xix.)

4. *On Whit-Monday*, Feast of the Foundation of the Association. (Art. xx.)

5. *On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception*, the Anniversary of the Translation of the Association to the Church of our Immaculate Lady at Liège.

6. *On the Sunday which follows the 7th of April*, Feast of the Canonical Establishment of the Association.

7. *On Christmas-day*, when the Holy Family was visited by the poor shepherds, and saluted by choirs of angels.

8. *On the Epiphany*, when the Holy Family was worshipped and manifested to the world by the three kings.

9. *On the 2d of February*, Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, when the Holy Family was praised by the holy old man Simeon.

10. *On the 17th of February*, the Feast of the *Flight into Egypt*, when the Holy Family was persecuted, and banished into a strange country.

11. *On Easter Sunday*.

12. *On Ascension-day*.

13. *Corpus Christi*.

14. *The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus* (Friday after the Octave of Corpus Christi).

15. *The Feast of the Most Holy Redeemer* (3d Sunday of July).

16. *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross* (September 14).

17. *The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin* (September 8).

18. *The Compassion of Mary, or Seven Dolors* (the Friday after Passion Week).

19. *The Seven Dolors of the Blessed Virgin* (the 3d Sunday of Sept.)

20. *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin* (August 15).

21. *St. Joseph*, the glorious Head of the Holy Family (March 19).

22. *The Patronage of St. Joseph* (3d Sunday after Easter).

23. *St. Michael Archangel*, one of the principal patrons of the Archconfraternity (September 29).

24. *St. Gabriel the Archangel*, who had such intimate relations with the Holy Family (18th of March).

25. *The Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels* (October 2).

26. *SS. Peter and St. Paul* (the 29th of June).

27. *S. Juliana of Cornillon* (5th of April).

28. *All Saints* (1st of November.)

29. *All Souls* (2d of November).

30. *The Month of Mary.*

31. *The Feast day of the Annual Patron of each Member.* (Arts. xviii and xx.)

32. *The Feast of the Patron Saint of each section,* for all the Members of the section.

OBSERVATIONS.

I. To gain these indulgences, from No. 3 inclusive, one must, with true sentiments of penance, 1st, Be enrolled a Member of the Holy Family ; 2d, Have confessed, and received Holy Communion ; 3d, Visit the church or oratory in which the Confraternity is established, between the first Vespers (*i. e.* two o'clock on the eve of the Festival), and the sunset of the said Feast-days ; and there pray devoutly for peace and concord

among all Christian princes, for the extirpation of heresies, and for the exaltation of the Catholic Church.*

II. When these festivals fall on work-days, the indulgence may be gained on the Sunday which immediately follows, under the above-mentioned conditions. (Art. xxi.)

III. All these Plenary Indulgences, as well as the Partial Indulgences, of which we are about to speak, may be applied to the souls in Purgatory.

Partial Indulgences of one hundred days.

I. For assisting at the Meetings of the Confraternity.

II. For the performance of some

* This obligation may be satisfied by reciting five Our Fathers and five Hail Marys, or the Litany of the Blessed Virgin, or any other such prayers.

other good work, practised in the Confraternity.

Amongst other good works practised by the Confraternity, we note the following, to which the above-mentioned indulgences are attached :—

FOR ANY OF THE MEMBERS.

1. Offering every morning all the actions of the day to Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. (RULES, Art. xvi.)

2. Reciting, morning and evening, the three Hail Marys recommended by St. Alphonsus, in honor of the Immaculate Conception.

3. Reciting, morning and evening, an Our Father and Hail Mary, in honor of the Patron Saint of the year. (Art. xviii.)

4. Making a Spiritual Communion. (Art. xvi.)

5. Reciting the act of consecration

to the Holy Family ; the Litany of the Holy Family ; the *Memorare* of the Blessed Virgin or of St. Joseph ; or any other prayer peculiar to the Holy Family. (APOST. BRIEF.)

6. The evening examination of conscience. (Art. xvi.)

7. Assisting at Mass on work-days.

8. Visiting the sick, the poor, or those in prisons and hospitals (Art. xvii.)

9. Assisting at the Mass offered for deceased Members. (Art. xvii.)

10. Promptly accompanying those who wish to be presented for reception into the Confraternity. (Art. xiii.)

11. Avoiding, and getting others to avoid, bad company, the reading of bad books and newspapers, and dangerous places of amusement, &c., &c. (Art. xv.)

12. Reconciling enemies.

13. Patiently bearing humiliations and insults.

14. Assisting at the burial of the faithful, &c.

15. Performing any act of charity or zeal in favor of the Confraternity.

16. Devoutly meeting together to learn to sing the hymns, &c.

17. Accompanying the Blessed Sacrament when it is carried to the sick, or in procession.

18. Visiting the Blessed Sacrament, particularly when it is exposed for the forty hours' Prayer.

19. Attending at Sermons, Novenas, Octaves, &c.

20. Endeavoring to do away with blasphemy.

21. Bringing a sinner back to God.

OTHER SPIRITUAL FAVORS

GRANTED BY THE HOLY SEE TO THE
ARCH-CONFRATERNITY.

I. Privileged Altar.

The Superiors of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, in Belgium, having presented to his Holiness Pius IX. a petition for obtaining, in favor of the deceased members of the Association, a privileged Altar of the Holy Family in Liège, in the Church of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Seat of the Arch-confraternity, and likewise in all places in the church, oratory, or public chapel, where there is an affiliation; his Holiness received their petition favorably, and fully granted their desires.

TERMS OF THE CONCESSION.

Our Holy Father Pius IX., in a special audience, listening favorably to the above-mentioned petition, formally declares that he willingly grants the favor of a privileged altar, now and in perpetuity, under the title of the Holy Family, so that any priest, in celebrating Mass upon it for the deceased of the Association, may obtain their deliverance from Purgatory ; and this favor is granted not only for the Seat of the Arch-confraternity, but also for all the Associations canonically established, and which already are or will be affiliated, unless any obstacle should interfere with the free exercise of the concession.

Given at Rome at the Secretary-

ship of the Sacred Congregation of Indulgences, July 9, 1850.

F. Card. ASQUINIUS, *Prefect.*

L. † S.

JAC. GALLO, *Secretary.*

II. Plenary Indulgences recently granted.

The same Superiors of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, in Belgium, having supplicated the Holy Father to enrich the Arch-confraternity with new favors, the following were granted, the days to be designated by the ordinary, with his previous consent.

1. The Feast of the Holy and Immaculate Heart of Mary (Sunday after the Octave of the Assumption).

2. The Feast of St. Joachim (Sunday within the Octave of the Assumption).

3. Feast of St. Anne (26th July).

4. Feast of the Patron Saint of the place where the Association is established.

5. Feast of St. Alphonsus Liguori, Doctor of the Church (2d August).

6. Anniversary of the erection of the Association into an Arch-confraternity (23d April).

Also a Plenary Indulgence the day of the procession of the Blessed Sacrament, for those who accompany it.

These indulgences may be gained not only by the members of the Holy Family, *but also by all the faithful of both sexes*, who after confession and communion shall visit the church, public oratory, or chapel of the Association, from the first vespers of the vigil until sunset on the day

of the Feast, and there pray for the usual intentions.

All these indulgences are applicable to the Souls in Purgatory.

Given at Rome, at the Secretaryship of the Congregation of Indulgences, July 13, 1850.

F. Card. ASQUINIUS, *Prefect.*

L. † S

A. Archip. PRINZIVALLI, *Substitute.*

III. Indulgences of the Stations of Rome.

The Superiors of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer in Belgium, having petitioned his Holiness Pius IX. to deign to grant to the Arch-confraternity of the Holy Fam-

ily the Indulgences of the Stations of Rome, this new favor was graciously accorded to them.

TERMS OF THE CONCESSION.

His Holiness Pius IX., having heard, in a special audience, the supplication spoken of, accedes cheerfully to the petition, and grants freely to all the members of the Holy Family of the Arch-confraternity established at Liège, as well as to all affiliations in different places, all the Indulgences, plenary and partial, attached to the Stations of Rome, or the days indicated in the Roman Missal, and expressed in detail in the decree of the Sacred Congregation of Indulgences of July 9, 1777, * on condition that the said members, with the required dispositions, visit the

* See table p. 99.

church, chapel, or public oratory of the above-named Association, and there pray a little while for the intentions of his Holiness, from the first Vespers until sunset of the following day.

All these Indulgences are applicable to the Souls in Purgatory.

The present concession is valid forever, without any instructions by Brief.

Given at Rome, at the Secretaryship of the Sacred Congregation of Indulgences, July 24, 1850.

F. Card. ASQUINIUS, *Prefect.*

L. † S.

A. Archip. PRINZIVALLI, *Substitute.*

TABLE OF INDULGENCES

GRANTED ON THE DAYS OF THE STATIONS
OF ROME.

ACCORDING to a Decree of the Sacred Congregation of Indulgences, 9 July, 1777.

PLENARY INDULGENCES.

1. Holy Thursday. 3. Ascension Day.
2. Easter Sunday. 4. Christmas Day.

PARTIAL INDULGENCES.

1. Ash-Wednesday and the fourth Sunday of Lent, 16 years and 15 quarantines.

2. Palm-Sunday, 25 years and 25 quarantines.

3. Good Friday and Holy Saturday, 30 years and 30 quarantines.

4. On the other days during Lent not mentioned above, Sundays as well as ferias, 10 years and 10 quarantines.

5. Every day following Easter-Monday, inclusively, until *Quasimodo* Sunday, inclusively, 30 years and 30 quarantines.

6. The Vigil of Pentecost, 10 years and 10 quarantines.

7. Whit-Sunday and the days following until the Saturday after, inclusively, 30 years and 30 quarantines.

8. The 1st, 2d, and 4th Sundays of Advent, 10 years and 10 quarantines.

9. The 3rd Sunday of Advent, 15 years and 15 quarantines.

10. The vigil of Christmas, Christmas night, and midnight Mass, 15 years and 15 quarantines.

11. The three days after Christmas, the Circumcision, Epiphany, Septuagesima, Sexagesima, and Quinquage-

sima Sundays, 30 years and 30 quarantines.

12. The three Ember days of each season, 10 years and 10 quarantines.

13. The feast of St. Mark and the three Rogation days, 30 years and 30 quarantines.

IV. Indulgences in favor of the Sick.

The Superiors of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, in Belgium, addressed His Holiness, begging him to extend the indulgences of the Arch-confraternity of the Holy Family to those members, who on account of sickness or any other legitimate cause, are unable to attend the meetings, or fulfil the other requisite conditions for gaining them; the favor was granted them.

TERMS OF THE CONCESSION.

His Holiness Pius IX., in a special audience, considering favorably the above petition, freely grants to all members of the Arch-confraternity of the Holy Family, established at Liège, as well as to those of all canonical affiliations, now existing or which may be hereafter formed, conformably to the Constitution of Clement VIII., of 7th December, 1604, (*quæcumque a Sede apostolica*,) who from sickness or other legitimate cause cannot comply with the regular conditions, all the Indulgences bestowed upon the pious Arch-confraternity, provided, with proper dispositions, they perform, in the case of sickness, some good work enjoined by their confessor, and in the case of other obstacles they visit their parochial church and pray for the intentions of His Holiness.

This concession is valid forever,
without any instructions by Brief.

Given at Rome, at the Secretary-
ship of the Sacred Congregation of
Indulgences, September 13, 1850.

Fr. Card. ASQUINIUS, *Prefect.*

L. † S.

A. Archip. PRINZIVALLI, *Substitute.*



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III.

Lo ! the Apostolic train
Join Thy sacred name to hallow !
Prophets swell the loud refrain,
And the white-robed Martyrs follow
And from morn till set of sun,
Through the Church the song goes on.

IV.

Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name Thee,
While in essence, only One
Undivided God, we claim Thee ;
And adoring, bend the knee,
While we own the mystery.

V.

Thou art King of Glory, Christ !
Son of God, yet born of Mary,
For us sinners sacrificed,
And to death a tributary :
First to break the bars of death,
Thou hast opened Heaven to Faith.

VI.

From Thy high celestial home,
Judge of all, again returning,

We believe that Thou shalt come,
On the dreadful Doom's-day morning,
When Thy voice shall shake the earth,
And the startled Dead come forth.

VII.

Spare Thy people, Lord, we pray,
By a thousand snares surrounded :
Keep us without sin to-day,
Never let us be confounded.
Lo ! I put my trust in Thee,
Never, Lord, abandon me.

VENI, CREATOR.

I.

Veni, Creator spiritus,
Mentes tuorum visita ;
Imple supernâ gratiâ
Quæ tu creasti pectora.

II.

Qui diceris Paracletus,
Altissimi donum Dei,
Fons vivus, ignis, charitas,
Et spiritalis unctio.

III.

Tu septiformis munere,
 Digitus Paternæ dexteræ,
 Tu rite promissum Patris,
 Sermone ditans guttura.

IV.

Accende lumen sensibus,
 Infunde amorem cordibus ;
 Infirma nostri corporis
 Virtute firmans perpeti.

V.

Hostem repellas longius,
 Pacemque dones protinus ;
 Ductore sic te prævio
 Vitemus omne noxium.

VI.

Per te sciamus da Patrem,
 Noscamus atque Filium ;
 Teque utriusque Spiritum
 Credamus omni tempore.

VII.

Deo Patri sit gloria
Et Filio, qui a mortuis
Surrexit, ac Paraclito
In sæculorum sæcula.

V. Emitte Spiritum tuum, et creabuntur.

R. Et renovabis faciem terræ.

OREMUS.

Deus qui corda fidelium Sancti Spiritus illustratione docuisti, da nobis in eodem Spiritu recta sapere et de ejus semper consolatione gaudere.
Per Christum Dominum nostrum.
R. Amen.

STABAT MATER.

I.

Stabat Mater dolorosa,
Juxta crucem lacrymosa,
Dum pendebat Filius.

II.

Cujus animam gementem,
Contristatam et dolentem,
Pertransiuit gladius.

III.

O quam tristis et afflicta,
Fuit illa benedicta
Mater unigeniti !

IV.

Quæ mœrebat et dolebat,
Et tremebat, cum videbat
Nati pœnas inclyti.

V.

Quis est homo qui non fleret,
Christi matrem si videret,
In tanto supplicio ?

VI.

Quis non posset contristari
Piam matrem contemplari
Dolentem cum filio ?

VII.

Pro peccatis Suæ gentis,
Vidit Jesum in tormentis,
Et flagellis subditum.

VIII.

Vidit suum dulcem Natum,
Morientem, desolatum,
Dum emisit spiritum.

IX.

Eia mater, fons amoris,
Me sentire vim doloris
Fac, ut tecum lugeam.

X.

Fac ut ardeat cor meum,
In amando Christum Deum
Ut Sibi complaceam.

XI.

Sancta mater, istud agas,
Crucifixi fige plagas,
Cordi meo valide.

XII.

Tui Nati vulnerati,
Tain dignati pro me pati,
Pœnas mecum divide.

XIII.

Fac me vere tecum flere,
Crucifixo condolere,
Donec ego vixero.

XIV.

Juxta crucem tecum stare,
Et me tibi sociare
In planctu desidero.

XV.

Virgo Virginum præclara,
Mihî jam non sis amara ;
Fac me tecum plangero.

XVI.

Fac ut portem Christi mortem,
Passionis fac consortem,
Et plagas recolere.

XVII.

Fac me plagis vulnerari,
Fac me cruce inebriari,
Et cruore filii.

XVIII.

Flammis ne urar succensus,
Per te, Virgo, sim defensus
In die iudicii.

XIX.

Christe, cum sit hinc exire,
Da per matrem me venire
Ad palman victoriæ.

XX.

Quando corpus morietur,
Fac ut animæ donetur,
Paradisi gloria. Amen.

PSALM CXVI.

Laudate Dominum omnes gentes : *
laudate eum omnes populi.

Quoniam confirmata est super nos
misericordia ejus : * et veritas Do-
mini manet in æternum.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui
Sancto.

Sicut erat in principio, et nunc,
et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum.
Amen. Alleluia.

THE MAGNIFICAT

OR

CANTICLE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

ST. LUKE I.

Magnificat * anima mea Dominum.
Et exultavit spiritus meus * in
Deo Salutari meo.

Quia respexit humilitatem ancillæ
suæ : * ecce enim ex hoc beatem me
dicent omnes generationes.

Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens
est, * et sanctum Nomen ejus ;

Et misericordia ejus a progenie in
progenies * timentibus eum.

Fecit potentiam in brachio suo *
dispersit superbos mente cordis sui.

Deposuit, potentes de sede : * et
exaltavit humiles.

Esurientes implevit bonis : * et di-
vites dimisit inanes.

Suscepit Israel puerum suum; *
recordatus misericordiæ suæ.

Sicut locutus est ad patres nostros
— * Abraham et semini ejus in
sæcula.

Gloria Patri, etc.

LITANIÆ

BEATÆ Mariæ VIRGINIS.

Kyrie, eleison. Christe, eleison.

Kyrie, eleison.

Christe, audi nos. Christe, exaudi nos.

Pater de cœlis, Deus, miserere nobis.

Fili Redemptor mundi, Deus, mise-
rere nobis.

Spiritus Sancte, Deus, miserere nobis.

Sancta Trinitas, unus Deus, miserere
nobis.

Sancta Maria, ora pro nobis.

Sancta Dei Genitrix, ora pro nobis.

Sancta Virgo virginum.

Mater Christi,

Mater divinæ gratiæ,

Mater purissima,

Mater castissima,

Mater inviolata,

Mater intemerata,

Mater amabilis,

Mater admirabilis,

Mater Creatoris,

Mater Salvatoris,

Virgo prudentissima,

Virgo venerenda,

Virgo prædicanda,

Virgo potens,

Virgo clemens,

Virgo fidelis,

Speculum justitiæ,

Sedes sapientiæ,

Causa nostræ lætitiæ,

Vas spirituale,

Vas honorabile,

Vas insigne devotionis,

Rosa mystica,

Ora pro nobis.

Turris Davidica,
Turris eburnea,
Domus aurea,
Fœderis arca,
Janna cœli,
Stella matutina,
Salus infirmorum,
Refugium peccatorum,
Consolatrix afflictorum,
Auxilium Christianorum,
Regina Angelorum,
Regina Patriarcharum,
Regina Prophetarum,
Regina Apostolorum,
Regina Martyrum,
Regina Confessorum,
Regina Virginum,
Regina Sanctorum omnium,
Regina sine labe originali con-
cepta,
Agnus Dei, etc. parce nobis, Domine.
Agnus Dei, etc. exaudi nos, Domine.
Agnus Dei, etc. miserere nobis.

Ora pro nobis.

V. Ora pro nobis, sancta Dei Genitrix.

R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.

OREMUS.

Defende, quæsumus, Domine, beatâ Mariâ semper Virgine intercedente, istam ab omni adversitate familiam, et toto corde tibi prostratam, ab hostium propitiam tuere clementer insidiis. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS.

Te Deum laudamus ; * te Dominum confitemur.

Te æternum Patrem * omnis terra veneratur.

Tibi omnes angeli ; * tibi cœli, et universæ potestates :

Tibi cherubim et seraphim * incessabili voce proclamant :

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, * Dominus Deus Sabaoth ;

Pleni sunt cœli et terra * majestatis gloriæ tuæ.

Te gloriosus * Apostolorum chorus.

Te Prophetarum * laudabilis numerus.

Te Martyrum candidatus * laudat exercitus.

Te per orbem terrarum * sancta confitetur Ecclesia.

Patrem * immensæ majestatis.

Venerandum tuum verum * et unicum Filium.

Sanctum quoque * Paraclitum Spiritum.

Tu Rex Gloriæ * Christe.

Tu Patris * sempiternus es Filius.

Tu, ad liberandum suscepturus hominem, * non horruisti Virginis uterum.

Tu, devicto mortis aculeo, * aperuisti credentibus regna cœlorum.

Tu ad dexteram Dei sedes, * in gloria Patris.

Judex crederis * esse venturus.

† Te ergo quæsumus, tuis famulis subveni, * quos pretioso sanguine redemisti.

Æterna fac cum Sanctis tuis, * in gloria numerari.

Salvum fac populum tuum, Domine, * et benedic hæreditati tuæ.

Et rege eos, et extolle illos, * usque in æternum.

Per singulos dies * benedicimus te.

Et laudamus Nomen tuum in sæculum ; * et in sæculum sæculi.

Dignare, Domine, die isto, * sine peccato nos custodire.

Miserere nostri, Domine, * miserere nostri.

Fiat misericordia tua, Domine, super nos : * quemadmodum speravimus in te.

† During this verse it is usual to kneel.

In te, Domine, speravi ; * non
confundar in æternum.

On Occasions of Thanksgiving the following
are added.

V. Benedictus es Domine, Deus
Patrum nostrorum.

R. Et laudabilis, | et gloriosus in
sæcula.

V. Benedicamus Patrem et Filium,
| cum Sancto Spiritu.

R. Laudemus et superexaltemus
eum | in sæcula.

V. Benedictus es, Domine, | in
firmamento cœli.

R. Et laudabilis, et gloriosus, | et
superexaltatus in sæcula.

V. Benedic, anima mea, Domino.

R. Et noli oblivisci | omnes retri-
butiones ejus.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo,

OREMUS.

Deus, cujus misericordiæ non est numerus, et bonitatis infinitus est thesaurus : piissimæ majestati tuæ pro collatis donis gratias agimus, tuam semper clementiam exorantes : ut qui petentibus postulata concedis, eosdem non deserens, ad præmia futura disponas.

Deus, qui corda fidelium Sancti Spiritus illustratione docuisti : da nobis in eodem Spiritu recta sapere, et de ejus semper consolatione gaudere.

Deus, qui neminem in te sperantem nimium affligi permittis, sed pium precibus præstas auditum : pro postulationibus nostris, votisque susceptis gratias agimus, te piissime deprecantes, ut a cunctis semper muniamur adversis. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

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